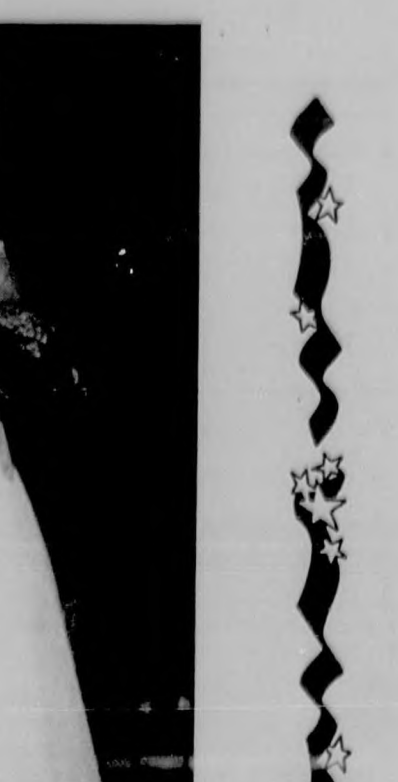
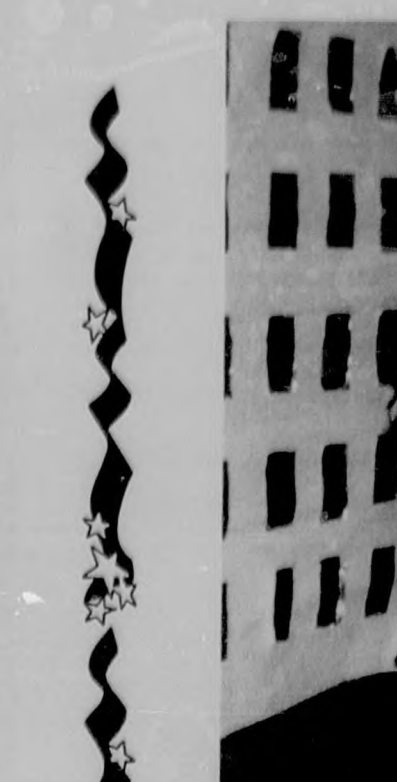


****1997 MISS ELBA'S CROWNED****



MISS ELBA... WINNER - Elizabeth Strong, 17-year-old daughter of Kenneth and Sara Strong; 1st runner-up - Misty Kelley, 16-year-old daughter of Jerry and Theresa Kelley; 2nd runner-up - Crystal Wing, 17-year-old daughter of Tanny Wing and Mrs. Debbie Wing... (Written Communication Winner - Elizabeth Strong; Interview - Crystal Wing; Verbal Communication - Crystal Wing; Evening Gown - Misty Kelley; Photogenic - Elizabeth Strong; Miss Congeniality - Crystal Wing; Spirit of Elba Award - Elizabeth Strong)

JUNIOR MISS ELBA... (left) 1st runner-up - Vaughan Boyd, 15-year-old daughter of Lee and Harriette Boyd; WINNER - Cammie Kelley, 14-year-old daughter of Jerry and Theresa Kelley... (Interview Competition - (TIE) - Cammie Kelley and Vaughan Boyd; Photogenic Winner - Shay Johnson; Miss Congeniality - Cammie Kelley; Casual Attire Competition - Cammie Kelley; Evening Gown - Shay Johnson; and Spirit of Elba Award - Shay Johnson)



FUTURE LITTLE MISS ELBA... (l-r) 1st runner-up - Haley Celeste Bryan, 4-year-old daughter of Jiles and Angie Bryan; 2nd runner-up - Cortlin Megan Lee, 5-year-old daughter of Joe and Melinda Lee; Miss Alabama 1996 Alison McCreary; WINNER - Brittany Chestnut, 4-year-old daughter of Hank Chestnut



LITTLE MISS ELBA... (l-r) 2nd runner-up - Marisa Shay Carpenter, 7-year-old daughter of Lee and Melinda Carpenter, first grade, Elba Elementary School; 1st runner-up - Tiffany Jean Bryan, 7-year-old daughter of Tyler and Debbie Bryan, first grade Elba Elementary School; Miss Alabama 1996 Alison McCreary; WINNER - Jessica Marie Johnson, 7-year-old daughter of Donnie and Rene Farris, 1st grade, Zion Chapel Elementary... (Photogenic Winner - Tiffany Bryan; Interview Winner - Jessi Johnson; Evening Gown Winner - Jessi Johnson)

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"B" HONOR ROLL

Lance Berry, Chelsea Flowers, Ashley Hudson, Hobi Hussey, Ashley Snelgrove, Hunter Walden, Jessica Wambles, Cody Arnold, Britany Bass, Kayla Crook, Timothy Gouding, Jeremy Hammonds, John Paul Maddox, Summer Parker, Kathy Register, Nikki Stewart, Cory Barr, Thomas Robinson, Taylor Smart, Aaron Smith, Debra Stanton, Derrick Stokes, Hannah Manning, Samantha Brown, Nathan Calhoun, Jessica Powell, Keagan Evans, Christopher Luckenbaugh, Ashley Sanders, Candace Kyser, Buddy Parker, Ryan Arnold, Courtney Senn, Megan Portwood, Ashley Parrish, Audra Mills, Will Stokes, Michael Hurst, LaShonda Cole, Donna Flowers, Keri Flowers, Keri Hobbs, Katie Kelley, Morgan Milley, Josh Parrish, Melanie Perry, Ashley Barnett, Jetta Bush, Jacquie Cowart, Shaun Ellis, Byron McWaters, Anna

NEWS AMONG OUR SERVICE FOLKS

TRAVIS MOULTRY

Travis Moultry has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station in Troy. The program gives young men or women the opportunity to delay enlistment into the Army for up to one year before reporting to basic military training.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$30,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career specialty. Moultry will report to Ft. Jackson, Columbia, S.C. for military basic training on July 31, 1997. He is the son of Willie and Antoinette Moultry of Brundidge.

Coleman receives honors at University of Alabama

The University of Alabama observed Honors Day on April 18, and recognized as a Distinguished Undergraduate Scholar was Grant Coleman of Elba.

Grant was one of only three students in the College of Arts and Sciences to be recognized for his accomplishment. He is a senior biological sciences major at the University, and joins students from all fields of study who were honored for outstanding achievements inside and outside the classroom.

Distinguished undergraduate scholars are those students who have maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average throughout their studies at the University.

During Honors Week preceding Honors Day, Grant also joined approximately 30 other students being inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, the oldest and most prestigious academic honor society in the nation.

Founded in 1776, Phi Beta Kappa recognizes students who have shown outstanding academic achievement during their college studies.

Grant also was selected by the department of biological sciences as Outstanding Senior in Biological Sciences for the 1996-97 academic year. Grant is the son of Gerry Coleman of Montgomery and the late Nelda Coleman of Elba, and is the grandson of Myra Smith of Elba.



Pictured above is Grant Coleman (r) with Dr. James D. Yarbrough, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Alabama.

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Alabama Cooperative Extension System officially unveiled

by Marvin McIlwain - Editor

A new extension system has been created in Alabama as a result of a Federal Court order.

On August 1, 1995, Federal Court Judge Harold Murphy ordered the merger of Extension programs from Alabama A&M and Auburn universities and established the new unified Alabama Cooperative Extension System.

The order stated, "Alabama shall have a single, statewide Cooperative Extension System that unifies the efforts of Auburn University and Alabama A&M University into one organization to be known and identified as the Alabama Cooperative Extension System to operate as the outreach organization for the land-grant function of these universities."

As a result of the court order, major changes in operation, state funding, staffing and programming are being made; however, those who receive the benefits of the Extension Service will experience no change.

On Tuesday, May 13, the local office formally and officially changed its name to: Alabama Cooperative Extension System/Coffee County office.

The Chairman of the Coffee County commission, Tom Grimley, made the following statement:

"It has been often said that the success of any community is measured by the quality of its lawyers, doctors, ministers and teachers. The same can be said of its county Extension agents."

"This is a significant day in the history of Cooperative Extension work in Alabama - so significant that I've signed a proclamation setting aside today, May 13, as Extension System Recognition day in coffee County."

"I invite all the people of Coffee County to reflect on the important role Extension has played and continues to play in the economic vitality of our community."

"Yes, the merger of the two Extension programs at Alabama A&M and Auburn universities represent a big challenge to both universities and to local staff here in our county. But for the past 83 years, Cooperative Extension has always risen to meet the challenge. I have no doubt

that following through with the merger will be no exception."

Grimley noted that Extension work at the county level has changed considerably over the past eight decades, but that one thing will never change: the agents' commitment to provide all Alabamians with the means for a better life.

He pledged the full support of the Coffee County Commission to the members of the Extension staff in getting this new system underway.

In the long run, we're confident the unification of the two programs will be hailed as not only visionary and insightful but also practical," said Grimley. "After all, a unified Extension System simply makes good sense."

The first county agents, known as demonstration agents, were employed in Alabama in 1906 and began work in 1907. "Farmer-demonstration work" was conducted in 23 of the state's counties in 1907.

In 1911, the state legislature appropriated \$25,000 annually for farm demonstration work. Before that time, the state had given practically no money.

Alabama has 46,000 farms covering 109 million acres. The average farm size is 2.3 acres.

In 1994, cash receipts from marketing totaled \$2.91 billion. Live-stock and poultry accounted for 75 percent of the total.

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NEW EXTENSION SYSTEM... Pictured above are (l-r): George Tabb, county agent; Bobbie White, secretary; Richard Puckett, county agent; Angela Hughes, county agent; Stan Windham, county agent; Tom Grimley, Chairman of the Coffee County Commission; and Susan Taylor, NEP Program Assistant.

Elba W&E handles housekeeping chores

By Fern Cox, Publisher

The Elba Water and Electric Board met Tuesday evening, May 13th at Elba City Hall. Business was routine housekeeping chores, minor adjustments to fees charged and purchase of some vehicle repair shop equipment.

Chairman Tim Johnson reported to the board that the accounts receivable were in pretty good shape. He also said that debt collection was the highest in the past month it had been several months. Employees were commended for their continuing efforts in this matter.

Superintendent James Grimes recommended the utility adopt a policy by which electric utility companies and access a charge for moving electric power poles just because a property owner wants it moved a few feet. The board agreed and set a \$50 charge, effective June 1st.

Another related item was the problems of customers requesting underground utilities and cancelling the order after the special purchase

of transformers and underground wiring has been ordered.

In the future no equipment will be ordered until customers have signed a written commitment to pay for the higher cost equipment.

Board members were also told of a letter from environmental groups urging the use of concrete poles, rather than the chemically treated wooden poles historically used. The letter noted the leaching out of the harmful chemicals into the surrounding soil.

The board was asked by Grimes to consider concrete poles in the future only for wet places and main corners. The high cost (1 1/2 times higher than wooden poles) makes the routine use of concrete poles costlier than the utility wants to consider at this time.

The utility had previously approved leasing space on the water tank at the new schools to a cellular phone firm.

During the firms efforts to get approval for their antennas, it was discovered that the water tank didn't have the required safety lights, which will cost a total of \$7,000.

Grimes reported the cellular firm had agreed to pay half the cost and the utility also voted to pay half the cost of a vehicle lift for the city mechanic shop, which does repairs on both city and utility department vehicles. The total cost of the lift is \$3,600. Previously, work under vehicles had been done by raising the vehicles up on jacks, not a recommended safe practice.

Bills totaling \$36,836.24 were approved for payment.

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** HAPPENINGS **

COMMISSION MEETING. The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting Tuesday, May 27, at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, AL.

AREA GRADUATIONS ANNOUNCED. New Brockton High School will hold graduation exercises on Thursday, May 29, 1997, at 8:00 p.m. on the football field; Kinston High School's Senior Class of '97 will graduate on Thursday, May 29, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium; and Zion Chapel High School will hold graduation on Friday, May 30, 1997, at 8:00 p.m. on the football field.

HOLIDAY CLOSING. The Town of New Brockton will observe the Memorial Day holiday on Monday, May 26. Town offices will be closed; however, emergency services will be provided. Garbage collection will remain the same.

CPR CLASS. The Coffee County American Red Cross will sponsor an Adult CPR Class and a First Aid Class on Thursday, May 29, 1997 at the Elba Rescue Squad Building. Adult CPR will start at 9 a.m. and First Aid at 1 p.m. Cost of the classes will be \$15 plus books. To register call the Red Cross office at 347-2461.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. The American Cancer Society's program "Road to Recovery" is in need of volunteers to transport cancer patients to and from their treatments. Anyone who wishes to donate their time for such a worthwhile cause should contact Linda Anderson at the ACS office at (334)793-1012.

FLAG DISPOSAL CEREMONY. The 35th District of The American Legion will conduct a Flag Disposal Ceremony on Tuesday, June 3, 1997, at Samson's American Legion Post. Anyone who has an unserviceable, worn or tattered U. S. Flag they wish to have disposed of properly should contact Robert Lolley at 894-5858 or drop the flag(s) by the Veterans Service Office located in the Farm Center Complex in New Brockton, AL.

Meet Your Elba Police Officers

Meet Police Officer Dean Blair. Dean is a native of Elba, and has been a member of the Elba Police Department since November 1996.

Blair is a graduate of the Southwest Alabama Police Academy and has been in law enforcement fulltime or as a reserve officer since 1984.

Prior to joining the EPD, he served as the chief of police for the Town of Brantley. He has also worked with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department as a fulltime deputy or as a reserve deputy for several years. Dean had also served on the Elba Police Department in previous years.

At the present time, Officer Blair serves as the department's D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Officer. He is a certified D.A.R.E. instructor.

"Being able to help others and hopefully make a difference in our young people's lives through the D.A.R.E. Program is what I like most about being a police officer," said Blair.

"The negative attitudes some people have about police officers is one of my pet peeves," said Dean.

His most memorable experience as a policeman is being Elba's first D.A.R.E. Officer and seeing the enthusiasm the program brought to the police department and school.

The one change in Elba that

Joint investigation by local law and drug task force ends in drug arrests

by Marvin McIlwain - Editor

Elba police officers have arrested an Elba man on drug charges.

At approximately 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 18, a search warrant was served by law enforcement officers at 1119 Guyton Street in Elba.

Tamara Tate, age 30, who lived at the above address was arrested and charged with illegal possession of marijuana and illegal possession of a controlled substance.

Tate was taken into custody and placed in the Coffee County Jail where bond was set at \$8,500.00.

The arrest came as a result of a joint investigation by officers from the Elba Police Department, Enterprise Police Department, Coffee County Sheriff's Department and the 12th Judicial Circuit Drug Task Force.

In another unrelated case, Terry Johnson, age 40, of 970 Wayne Street in Elba, was arrested and charged with illegal possession of marijuana. He is in the Coffee County Jail awaiting bond.

His arrest came Monday afternoon at approximately 3 p.m. after a drug search was made of his home by officers from the Elba Police Department and Drug Task Force.



BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Last week there was a front page picture and announcement of a new shopping center coming to Elba in the next few months. Now this week, just down the road from that location, is another sign announcing an even bigger grocery store... this one right at the intersection of Hwy 84 and the 203 Bypass. Add to that to reports (first hand) of an additional group working on plans for a shopping center, with grocery store, on the bypass around close to the hospital. They will not all build, it would not be practical, but watching the race is exciting and makes great conversation! You want more details? So do we.

The Alabama Legislature has completed another annual session. As usual, some folks are very happy and others bad upset. Actually, there is probably no one who is pleased with everything the lawmakers did... that would be a bit unusual. The positive side is that we all survived their doings and the budgets did pass, even though it was on the last day of the session.

Real racing fans probably know all this by heart, but here are some bits and pieces from the Winston 500, held at Talladega Superspeedway on May 10: Mark Martin won, starting from the 18th position. His winning speed of 188.354 mph, the finish line 146 seconds ahead of Dale Earnhardt. That is after two hours, 39 minutes and 18 seconds of racing! The car in the #1, or pole position, finished fourth and the #2 starter finished 20th, but they were both still "in the money." It was reported that this was the first time the 500 mile race was run without the caution flags (waived when there is a wreck, breakdown, etc.) and the lead changed 26 times with 13 different drivers leading the pack at one time or another. All that information and a quarter will not even get you a current copy of most American newspapers (including this one).

The U. S. Air Force is in the process of court martialing a 26 year old female B-52 pilot, the first woman to fly the front line combat aircraft. She is charged, and admits, having an affair with an enlisted man and with a married civilian. Air Force folks are saying "Oh, how terrible." We think she is getting railroaded simply because she is female and successful in what has been a man's world. This doesn't mean approval of her lifestyle, but folks we have been there... and if you start court martialing, jailing, and/or discharging ALL military types, male and female, who have done the same thing... you can sell a lot of airplanes, tanks, jeeps and shut down a bunch more bases! We were single during our military years and it was some of the married guys who went chasing every skirt they saw when the aircrafts were away from the home base (and family). Again, that is their personal business, but Lt. Kelly Flinn deserves to be judged by the same standards. Slap her on the hands for lying about the affairs, maybe even transfer her to another unit, but that is enough.

In all fairness to married military couples, there were many married military men we knew who honored their marriage vows and were fiercely loyal and devoted to their wives. There were also many wives who were equally loyal and devoted while the husband-soldier was away on an assigned mission. That depth of devotion and mutual trust is beautiful to observe.

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NEARING COMPLETION...The new bus shop for the Elba City School System is nearing completion. The facility is located on the school grounds and as soon as it is completed, all city school buses will be moved from the Mulberry facility to the new location. Other projects being worked on at the school complex are: paving of the connector road and the basketball and softball fields.

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FROM THE HOUSE

Congressman

Terry Everett

Education Legislation is a Beginning

In a rare display of bipartisanship, the U.S. House of Representatives voted last week to pass an education reform bill with the backing of educators, parents, and lawmakers of every political stripe.

This new legislation is designed to provide much-needed financial relief to school systems and improve the safety and quality of education for all students. In sum, it is a good attempt to move in the right direction, but more can be done.

The Individuals With Disabilities Education Act of 1997, or the "IDEA" amendments bill, passed by a 420 to 2 vote last Tuesday. It amends the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act for the first time in more than 21 years.

Why the reform? In short, rising costs of special education programs are burdening school systems. At the same time discipline problems from unruly disabled students are contributing to disorder in the classroom.

Under the IDEA reform legislation, more of the federal dollars set aside for special education needs will actually go to schools. Right now, a portion of annual special education funding goes to states for administrative costs.

The House-passed legislation would cap special education funding being used for such administrative purposes while allowing more money to go to classrooms. Had this new bill already been law for the 1996-97 school year, schools would have received an extra \$175 million to help educate students with disabilities.

ELBA POLICE REPORT

MAY 12 Thru MAY 18, 1997

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, May 12, 1997, investigated the following incidents: one criminal mischief, one property damage, one harassment, one death investigation, one shot dog, two harassing communications, two thefts of property, one reckless endangerment, three DUI's, one assault, one cat scratch, one possible child abuse, one possession of a controlled substance, and one possession of marijuana.

Arrests were as follows: one for possession of marijuana and one for possession of a controlled substance. Traffic citations issued were as follows: one for an expired tag, one for improper lights, six for speeding, three for DUI, one for driving while driver's license is suspended, one for passing in a no passing zone, and one for driving while driver's license is revoked.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:
MONDAY, MAY 12 - River stage - 4.12 feet (6:20 a.m.); Wreck reported at Hawkins-Williams Park (6:26 p.m.); Routine activity.

TUESDAY, MAY 13 - River stage - 3.90 feet (6:26 a.m.); Wreck reported at the intersection of AL 203 and AL Hwy. 87N (4:14 p.m.); Alarm at Elba Pawn & Gun (6:45 p.m.); Wreck reported at Whitewater Baptist Church on AL Hwy. 125N (6:49 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14 - Prowler reported on Caroline St. (2:30 a.m.); River stage - 3.28 feet (6:24 a.m.); Wreck reported on Taylor Mill Rd. (7:16 a.m.); Rescue run to Southland (7:28 a.m.); Rescue run to Little Beaver Trailer Court (1:46 p.m.); Gunshots reported on Martin Luther King Dr. (8:39 p.m.).

THURSDAY, MAY 15 - River stage - 6.68 feet (6:42 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Stroud Ave. (9:13 a.m.); Fight reported at June Bug's (8:36 p.m.).

FRIDAY, MAY 16 - River stage - 3.51 feet (6:39 a.m.); Rescue run to a wreck on AL Hwy. 87N (8:53 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Martin Luther King (2:16 p.m.); Rescue run to Beaver Dam Apts. (6:04 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Payne St. (8:53 p.m.).

SATURDAY, MAY 17 - Wreck reported on Old Samson Road (5:40 a.m.); Rescue run to the wreck on Old Samson Road (5:46 a.m.); River stage - 4.43 feet (6:38 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Tensie St. (10:29 a.m.); Alarm at SouthTrust Bank (12:58 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Cedar Lane Dr. (7:46 p.m.).

SUNDAY, MAY 18 - River stage - 3.24 feet (6:00 a.m.); Alarm at Elba High School (2:54 p.m.); Routine activity.

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Nurses Of The Year



ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL'S NURSE OF THE YEAR...Rita Boothe, LPN was selected by her peers as 1997's Nurse of the Year at Elba General Hospital. The following are just a few of the phrases used by Rita's fellow employees to describe her: "always does her job with a smile," "never complains about the work she's having to do," "doesn't complain when having to stay late to perform a last minute task for a patient," "she's always gentle and polite," and "she's always kind to patients and family members." Rita came to work at Elba General in April of 1996 after completing her schooling at Wallace College in Dothan. Rita (right) is pictured above accepting her plaque from Elba General Hospital's Director of Nurses Jan Wicker, RN.



ELBA NURSING HOME'S NURSE OF THE YEAR...Janet Hughes, LPN was selected ENH's Nurse of the Year. "Janet is always pleasant, works hard, never complains, always volunteering to do extra things, shows concern and love for the residents, dependable and takes pride in the facility." These observations of Janet were made by her fellow workers as she was selected for this honor by her peers. National Nurse's Day was celebrated at ENH on May 6, with a reception and special recognition for the nurses at the facility. Pictured above is Janet Hughes (left) with Elba Nursing Home's Director of Nurses Marie Lapore, RN.

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Golden anniversary of EHS Class of 1947

The class of 1947 returned to the old Elba High School on May 3 to have their photograph made on the same steps where they had stood 50 years before.

Much emotion was shown as classmates, some who had not seen each other since graduation, renewed old friendships. The class roll revealed 71 names, and was the largest class graduated at that time. Servicemen returning from World War II to complete their high school education increased the size of the class to an unprecedented level.

Thirty-five members of the original class attended the reunion, with many spouses, children (four) and n-laws as their guests.

Thirteen members of the class are deceased, and several others were unable to attend due to physical/medical problems.

Most of the educators who taught her class are now deceased; however, three teachers were present. Mrs. Mary Lee Warren taught first grade; her sister, Mrs. Mae Bryan taught fourth grade, and G.W. Hause taught science and coached football, basketball and baseball during the playing years of the class.

During his tenure the football team was awarded the "Dothan Eagle Sportsmanship Award" in 1946. "All the former teachers are doing well," said a class member.

Following the class gathering at the old school building, activities resumed at the fellowship hall of Elba First Baptist Church.

Tables were decorated with magnolias, roses and other flowers and greenery, arranged by one of the class members, Sara Dyess Sharpless. Drinks and snacks were organized by "Pete" Martin, another member of the class.

Class president Wynell Chapman Myers welcomed the class with a humorous speech and a "Minnie Pearl" impersonation. She also introduced other class officers: Maragenn White

ced barbecue pork, rice, baked beans, cole slaw, and a dessert of ice cream and pound cake.

A hilarious skit was presented by another classmate, Ann Dunaway Gamblin.

Several members brought spouses with them. Orphie Fuller McCalvin brought her daughters, Lori Ann and Susan. Frances Bell Kirby brought her son, Garry, and his wife, Brenda.

Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to meet spouses and renew old friendships.

Members and guests were served.

Front Row (l-r): Evelyn Johnson Holliman, Jonnie Johnson Travis; Back Row (l-r): Homer R. Johnson, Harlie B. Johnson and Ralph Johnson

Johnson Reunion held at Panama City

The family of the late John Macon Johnson and Arkey Dyess Johnson met at Panama City, Fla., the week of May 5 through 9 for a reunion.

The event was hosted by Robert and Evelyn Johnson Holliman, at the beach homes of Max Jr. and Sally Reeves.

Those attending were: Homer R. Johnson, Marathon, Fla.; Robert and Evelyn Johnson Holliman, Elba; Harlie B. and Ann Johnson, Havana, Fla.; Dr. Harlien Johnson and Lee Ann Johnson, Tallahassee, Fla.; Ralph and Reba Barr, Clarksville, Ga.; Ralph and Frankie Johnson, and Max and Sally Reeves, Troy; Russell and Jonnie Johnson Travis, Tyler, Ala.

Other relatives and friends visiting were: Ivy Johnson Harrison, Lynn Haven, Fla.; Orelo and Geraldine Johnson and William and Jean Scarbrough, Elba.

This was the first reunion of the family in approximately 13 years. The time together was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Ferrin,

Every year our local businesses and merchants receive calls from companies in the business of printing calendars and other school-related items. These calls are often from companies that are short on business ethics and they try to take advantage of the natural generosity and good will that our local business people have toward our local schools.

Typically, they say they are printing up a calendar or sports schedule for the school and want to sell advertising to the local business, or just need donations to fund the project.

The local school is not even aware that these calls are being made and certainly is getting no benefit from the project.

If you are a business that helps support your local school system by buying advertising or through donations, please be careful that you give only to local students, parents, or sponsors.

If you are contacted by an outside party and you have any doubts about the connection to the school, please call us and check.

At Elba High School we deeply appreciate the support we receive from our local business community and we want to foster the spirit of cooperation we have built over many years.

Thank you.

DAVID STOKES
Principal
Elba High School

EHS band plans fund-raiser for June

The Elba Marching Tiger Color Guard will sponsor a fund-raiser on Saturday, June 7, at Legion Field.

Beginning at 9 a.m. there will be hamburgers, hot dogs, baked goods, and many other items available for purchase.

All proceeds will go toward band camp fees and the purchase of uniforms for the color guard members.

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TO THE EDITOR

AREA DEATHS



Violet Jessie Jones

VIOLET JESSIE JONES
Mrs. Violet Jessie Jones, age 84, of Elba, died May 17, 1997, at her home.

Funeral services were held Monday, May 19, at 10 a.m. from Hayes Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Raymond Miller officiating. Burial followed in the Dade Memorial Park, Hollywood, Fla.

Survivors include five daughters: Billie Anderson, Carabell, Fla.; Edna VanDyke, Waldorf, Md.; Mary Foster and Wanda LaTorre, both of Cullman, Ala.; Sarah Fuller, Jacksonville, Fla.; and four brothers: Dewey Green, Essie Green, Howard Green and John Green.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law: June and Phillip Hamm, Elba; a daughter-in-law: Louise Kendrick, Birmingham; four grandsons: Rodney Hamm, Dothan; Mark Hamm, Cullman; Carl Hamm, Prattville; Brad Kendrick, Atlanta; one granddaughter: Kelly McGrath, Birmingham.

MITCHELL AUTRY "BUDDY" ANDERSON
Mr. Mitchell Autry "Buddy" Anderson, age 56, of Elba, died May 14, 1997, at his home.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 17, 1997, at p.m. from Hayes Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Danny Maddox officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery of Elba, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include one sister: Kedzie Smith, Elba.

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Cowart - McCarty wedding to be held May 24

Miss Rachel Louise Cowart will become the bride of Mr. David McCarty Oliver on Saturday, May 24, at two o'clock in the afternoon at the Elba United Methodist Church, West Davis St. The reception will follow at Ft. Rucker Officers Club. All friends and relatives are invited.

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Social & Community Happenings

Mr. & Mrs. Q.P. Davis to celebrate 50th wedding anniversary



Mr. & Mrs. Q. P. Davis

Flowers' to celebrate 25th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Jerrell Flowers will be honored with a 25th wedding anniversary reception on Sunday, June 1, from two until four o'clock in the afternoon, at the fellowship hall of Zion Chapel Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Elba.

All friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend.

Rev. and Mrs. Q.P. Davis will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on June 3.

The Davises were married June 3, 1947, in the Second Baptist Church of Bessemer, Ala.

Mrs. Davis is the daughter of Mr. W.W. and Mrs. Roxie Kendrick of Bessemer, now deceased.

She is a graduate of McAdory High School, Howard College and Southwestern Baptist Seminary.

Mr. Davis is the son of the late S. Mikajah Davis and Mattie Wilks of Samson.

He is a graduate of Kinston High School, Draught Business College, Howard College and New Orleans Baptist Seminary, and has served various Baptist pastorates throughout Alabama.

The Davises are the parents of two children: Sheila Davis of Birmingham, and Quinton Patrick Jr. (Pete) of Albertville, Ala.

Mr. Davis saved as a consultant with the Alabama Baptist Sunday School Board for more than 30 years.

The Davises are residents of Albertville, Ala., and members of First Baptist Church of Albertville.



THE ELBA STUDY CLUB has had an interesting and fun spring. In March, Mrs. Patsy Meek spoke on Genealogy in and around Coffee County; in April club members took a field trip to the home of Mrs. Elsie Hilton to see her herb garden. She presented each member with a pot of about six different herbs to take home and plant. The last meeting was Saturday, May 3, when five members went to Gabe's Covered Bridge Restaurant located south of Dothan. Pictured (l-r): Mrs. Eleanor Senn, Mrs. Jo Hudson, President, Mrs. Doris Taylor and Mrs. Mary Jared. Club meetings will resume in September.



EMILY BLAKE MORRIS

Donnie and Lu Morris of Valparaiso, Fla., announce the birth of a daughter, Emily Blake, on May 10, 1997, at Egle AFB Hospital, Fla. Blake measured 18 inches in length and weighed 6 lbs. 1 oz.

She is welcomed home by her proud brothers, Broderick and LaDon.

Grandparents are Dixie Davis and Pat and Roland Powell of Elba.



Mr. & Mrs. Cotton to celebrate fifth wedding anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie B. Cotton will celebrate 50 years of marriage at a reception given by their children on Sunday, June 1, from two until four o'clock in the afternoon at Dorcas Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

All friends and relatives are invited.



Bailey Daugherty

Bailey Daugherty performs ballet

Bailey Renee Daugherty, age 3, performed in her first recital on April 12, at a dance studio in Troy. This included ballet and tumbling to the theme of "The Wizard of Oz."

Bailey is the daughter of Chuck and Michelle Daugherty. She has one sister, Keeley, and the Daughertys reside in Troy.

Grandparents and great-grandparents are Becky Wyatt, Donnie and Janice Daugherty, Lovia Brooks, and Ivey and Cora Daugherty, all of Elba.



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Church News

PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. Marvin C. Ennis
Elba United Methodist Church

God has given us the privilege of prayer

Prayer is the means by which we communicate with our Creator and Redeemer. He extended the privilege of prayer to us because He wants His creatures to enter into fellowship with Him.

Prayer is more than just a means of communication. It makes the one who prays into a channel for getting the divine will done within both the life of the person praying and within the world at large.

There are those who argue against prayer. They argue that God's will is going to be done anyway. That argument simply is not true. Many things happen in the world that run counter to the divine will. Therefore, we pray that His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

Prayer makes us partners with God in getting His will done. There just may be some things that God will not do or cannot do unless His people pray. He did not extend to us the privilege of prayer just to be toying with us.

There is a phrase tossed about that says, "Prayer changes things." Indeed it does. It changes the person who prays and helps to effect change in the lives of others. Jesus prayed often to effect change in the lives of others. His prayers were very effective.

True prayer moves us to take action. God wants us to do what we can to help answer our own prayers. People of faith are not to just pray and sit on the "stool of do nothing." It is a contradiction of our faith to pray for something to change and then do nothing to help effect that change. Prayer calls us to act upon our faith.

Prayer is important to the divine plan for history. Become partners with God through prayer.

ROUND AND ABOUT WITH ERIA - 897-2006

SCRIPTURE: James 1:1-24

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Four Little Misses Attend ZC



Pictured above are (l-r): Brittany Bass, Brooke Stinson, Summer Parker, and Jessi Johnson.

by Amber Silver
Four participants in the 1997 National Peanut Festival Pageant are members of the first grade at Zion Chapel Elementary School.
The four Little Misses are divided into two sections of the first grade. Mrs. Peggy Story's class has three Little Misses. Summer Parker, Brittany Bass, and Brooke Stinson. The fourth Little Miss, Jessi Johnson, is a member of Mrs. Susan Howell's first grade class.
Each of the Little Misses holds a title from a different pageant in the area. Summer Parker holds the title of Little Miss Zion Chapel, Jessi Johnson holds the title of Little Miss Elba, Brittany Bass holds the title of Little Miss Brundidge, and Brooke Stinson holds the title of Little Miss Pinckard.
Each of these Little Misses is now eligible to participate in the 1997 National Peanut Festival Pageant which will be held in Dothan next fall.

1997-98 FFA Officers Selected

by Courtney Moran
Officers for the Zion Chapel Chapter of Future Farmers of America (FFA) have been selected.
Applying for an FFA office required each interested student to fill out an application for the office which they wanted to hold.
The 1997-98 FFA officers are:
President - Daniel Pridgen
Vice President - Angie Laney
Secretary Jerod - Jinright
Treasurer - Matt Dunn
Reporter - Laura Williams
The office-holders were selected by the 1996-97 senior officers Courtney Moran, Julie Carter, and Ashley Thomas. FFA advisor John McCrory helped in the decision-making but left most of it up to the senior officers.

Home Ec Class Makes Pillows



by Twanna Haynes
The students of Mrs. Jean Hobbs' first period class began a chapter on sewing by stitching their own pillows.
The students were given a week in which to complete their pillow. They had a choice of using material provided by Mrs. Hobbs or bringing their own. Students were responsible for bringing poly-fil for the stuffing of their pillow.
After each student finished their pillow they were given a grade. The students' pillows were graded on how well they were stitched and stuffed.
Some of the students said that making a pillow was not easy but that they were going to keep the pillows to show their grandchildren. Some students even said they were going to give their pillow as a Mother's Day gift.



Rachel Bryan, Sponsor
Julie Carter, Editor
Heather Vaughan, Editor

Senior Class Meeting

by Heather Vaughan
Selecting a class song, flower, and motto were some of the activities performed by the Zion Chapel Senior class of 1997 at a recent meeting. The seniors also wrote their own prophecies and last wills.
Senior class sponsor, Mrs. Rachel Bryan, gave out the papers on which the seniors were to write their prophecies and last wills. She then explained that the seniors were to vote on a class song, flower, and motto. The class officers would make the final decisions in case of a tie.
Senior class president, Hanna Whit, led the meeting by playing the nominated songs for the students to hear. The senior class chose "For You I Will" by Monica as the 1997 senior class song and they decided on the sunflower as the official senior class flower. "We're not afraid of tomorrow, we've seen yesterday, and living today" is the senior class motto.

Annual Staff Sells Ads



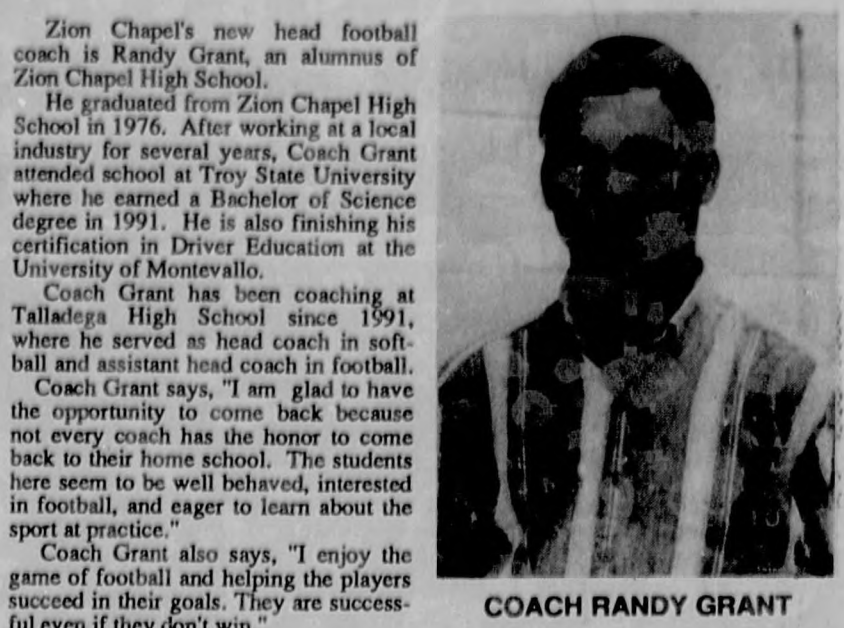
by Julie Carter
Members of the Zion Chapel Annual Staff sold advertisements in Elba and Brundage for THE REBEL 1997 XXXVIII. The members were divided into two groups in each town in order to cover a wider range of businesses. The members visited local business and alumni of the school. The advertisements were sold in blocks, with each block being the size of a business card. One block could be purchased for \$35, two blocks for \$50, and so on. A whole page could be purchased for \$250.
Together the groups raised over \$2000. The money will be used to cover the publishing costs of the annual.

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ZC's New Head Coach



COACH RANDY GRANT

Coach Grant began work at Zion Chapel on a Wednesday and football practice began on Monday. Before the students began practice they were required to have a physical. All the hard work in football and in life, said Coach Grant.
Coach Grant is married to the former Anne Spear and they have two children, Tara and Todd.

Field Trips

TRIP TO STATE CAPITAL

by Twanna Haynes
The Alabama State Capital was recently visited by students of Mrs. Chris Suley's fourth-grade class at Zion Chapel Elementary. While on the field trip the students learned a lot of new things about science.
The children performed many experiments while visiting the science center. One experiment the students performed was called "Make Your Own Lightning." The Lightning Generator is a familiar equipment to all science fiction fans and is a standard laboratory apparatus for all mad scientists.
A small spark at the bottom of a pair of "V" shaped electrodes, traveled up and became larger as the space between the electrodes widened. The spark pops off at the top and the cycle repeats over and over again.
Another experiment the children performed was called the "Physics Coaster." In the experiment, a student turned a wheel and the wheel enabled the student to move the ball from the base of the exhibit onto an auger. If the student continued to turn the wheel, the auger would spin, moving the ball to the top of the exhibit and to the beginning of the tracks. Once entering a track, the ball started to travel downward and passed through several stations on its way to the base, where this process began. The children really enjoyed this experiment.
The children also went on a Tour of Indians. They went on the avenue of flags, on the Horace King Star Case, and stepped on the bronze star that Jefferson Davis stood on when taking the oath of the Confederacy. The children also went through the underground tunnel that is located behind the capital.

TRIP TO BELLINGRAPH GARDENS

by Bridget Money
A field trip to Bellingraph Gardens in Mobile was taken by students under the instruction of Mrs. Gail Jackson and Mrs. Verna Mozzo.
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Concert series returns to park

The highly-acclaimed outdoor concert series, "Music By Moonlight," returns to Landmark Park in Dothan again this summer.
The concert series is hosted by the South Alabama Symphony Association and Landmark Park, and will feature four different concerts in the park's gazebo beginning in June.
The concerts are free and begin at 7:30 p.m. Visitors are encouraged to come early, bring lawn chairs, blankets, picnic suppers, family and friends, and enjoy some great music in a relaxed, informal atmosphere.
"Music By Moonlight" is made possible in part by a grant from the Alabama State Council on the Arts.
Concessions will be available. In case of rain, the concerts will be held in the Dothan Civic Center.
Schedule of the series is as follows:
June 12 - Hotlanta Dixieland Jazz Band - from Atlanta has entertained crowds as far away as Spain, Finland, Russia and Poland with their southern jazz.
June 26 - The Ed Stephenson Group - This 4-piece band will present a varied program of jazz, including a selection of straight-ahead jazz and several original compositions.
July 17 - Troy State University Dothan Community Band - Approximately 60 Wiregrass musicians ranging in age from 12 to 83 will play a variety of music including famous marches, overtures, novelty tunes and patriotic selections.
July 31 - Troika Balalaikas - Will perform music from the heart of the vast Russian continent on a collection of balalaikas, domras, and gusli.

First Gobbler



Coach Harrison Mims bags first gobbler while hunting with local hunters.

All-American *Scholars*



STEPHANIE SASSER NAMED ALL-AMERICAN SCHOLAR

The United States Achievement Academy has announced that Stephanie Sasser has been named an All-American Scholar.

The USAA has established the All-American Scholar Award Program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines.

The All-American Scholars must earn a 3.3 or higher grade-point average. Only scholars selected by a school instructor, counselor, or other qualified sponsor are accepted.

Stephanie, who attends Elba High School, was nominated for the award by teacher and Coach Danny Weeks. Her name will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, which is published nationally.

Stephanie is the daughter of David and Phyllis Sasser of Elba. Grandparents are Charles and Sue Sasser, and Drexel and Annette Kelley, all of Elba.



MICHELLE ADKINS NAMED ALL-AMERICAN SCHOLAR

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Michelle, who attends Elba High School, was nominated for the award by teacher and Coach Brian Weeks. Her name will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, which is published nationally.

Michelle is the daughter of Tony and Sue Adkins of Elba. Grandparents are Pete and Gertrude Smith of Elba, and Wayne and Shirley Adkins of South Port, Fla.

JASSEN HAYS NAMED ALL-AMERICAN SCHOLAR

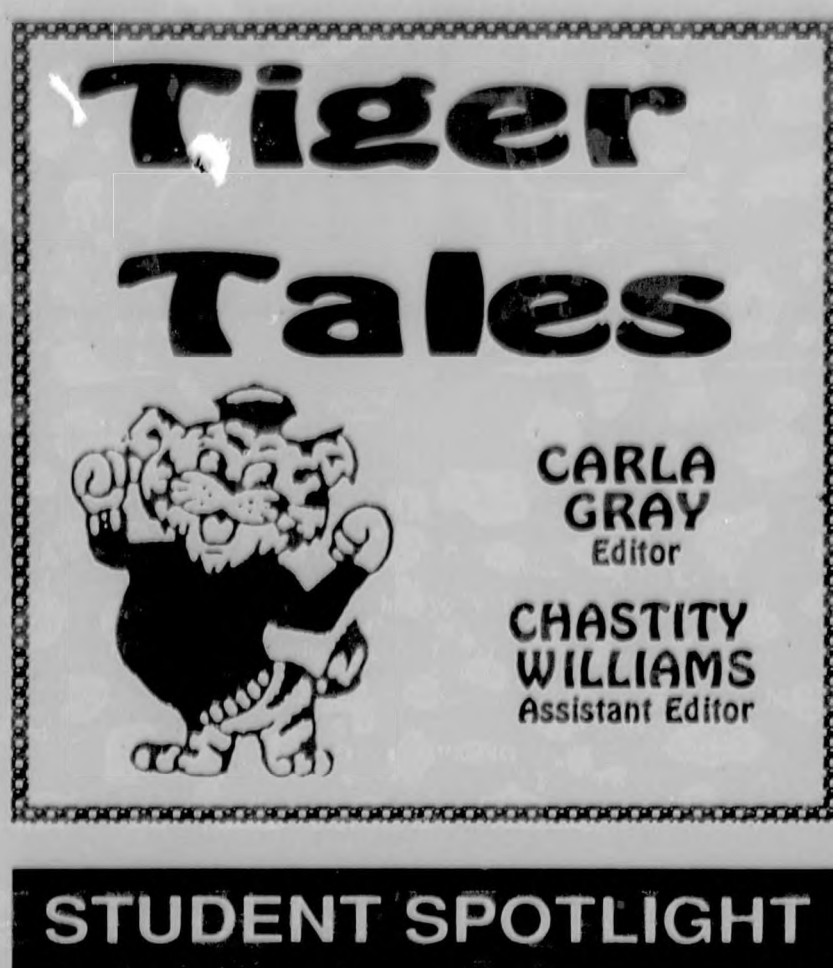
The United States Achievement Academy has announced that Jassen Hays has been named an All-American Scholar.

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Jassen, who attends Elba High School, was nominated for the award by teacher and Coach Brian Weeks. His name will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, which is published nationally.

Jassen is the son of Jayne Reeves of Troy. Grandparents are Lois and Jack Lee, and Mary Fay Lee, all of Elba.



Cassius Wilson is 15 years old. He is in the 9th grade and is the son of Judy Wilson. He enjoys playing football, basketball and chasing girls. His favorite teachers are Mr. Carlisle and Coach Grimes.

Edward Smith is 15 years old. He is the son of Edward and Rita Smith. He is in the 8th grade and enjoys playing football. His favorite teacher is Mr. Carlisle.

Kathy Williams is 14 years old and is in the 7th grade. She is the daughter of Kathy and John Ed. She enjoys playing volleyball, softball and talking on the phone. Her favorite teacher is Mrs. Amson.



BUS DRIVERS HONORED...Elba City Schools held a retirement dinner on May 6, 1997 in the Elba High School Commons Area for the retiring bus drivers. Superintendent Charles Pearce commented that the three retirees represented a total of 102 years of service to their profession. Mr. Pearce presented all three with letters of appreciation following the dinner and informed those in attendance that Earnest Ellison had a total of 45 years of service while Vera Nell Bragg had 34 and Lamar Wilson had 23. Mr. Ellison was accompanied to the dinner by many family members and friends.

Seniors '97's Last Will & Testament

The seniors are preparing to leave E.H.S. and have left their last will and testament. A lot of them have said that they will leave certain characteristics behind to their fellow classmates. This includes patience and the ability to smile. Besides certain characteristics they also said they will leave physical things like Bronco, football uniforms, and lockers. So, the upcoming seniors and underclassmen have some big shoes to fill.
I, Doug Grimes, leave my Bronco to Leslie Stinson, my clothes to Vipul Patel, and my baseball card to Cory Drigges. I also leave my fishing equipment to Trent Calhoun in hopes that he will catch as many fish as I did with it, little to none. Finally, I leave all my shoes to Jeffrey Pippin, so he can put them in his room and wonder why I left him shoes that were two sizes too small.
I, Lindsay Peterson, leave my football talents to Marcus Parker, my voice to Derrick Brooks. All of my dirty football socks and elbow pads, I leave to whoever wants them. My locker goes to Coach Lowery to clean up, and to the linebackers, I leave all my plays, so they can try to figure what kind of signs Coach Lowery gives on Friday night.
I, Amanda Lynn Thomas, leave all the good times and bad times to the 97-98 underclassmen at E.H.S. I leave all the hard classes behind, and to all the upcoming physics students a prayer. To everyone else at E.H.S. I leave a few words of advice: "Take every day in stride, and remember - it will all be over in a few years!"
I, Carla Gray, leave behind all my smiles to whoever may need one in the upcoming years! A blessing to the 97-98 journalism staff. Wishes that everyone who walks through the halls of Elba High will feel the love and joy of being a part of the Tiger family and a few happy tears because it's finally over.
I, Brian McCull, leave Elizabeth Stephens my dancing days, Elizabeth Strong, my patience to survive only one more year and the new journalism staff lots of headache medicine.
I, Lanadra "Shan-Ta" Caldwell, aka Ta, leave to Mark Reed privilege to be a senior and to be as open as possible. To Marcus Tillis and Kevin Tillis, I leave the Player's Club; to Anthony and Courtney Robinson - stay in school; and I ain't got Nothing but Love for ya! To Toccie Reed I leave the fellas!!!
I, John Duhage, leave my ability to trick Mrs. Tucker into practically writing my paper for me to anyone who is dumb enough to sign up for Adv. English. I leave all my co-op credits to C and D Lawn Care. I leave all my sloppy Macbeth notes to Heather Duhose and Jake Cowen. I'll take my ability to cheat with me to college. God knows I'll need it!
I, Kevin Tillis, A.K.A. "K.T.", leave behind my player's ability to Derrick Thigpen, and to all the other underclassmen, I leave my ability to smile cause it's hard to smile sometimes, but you got to go on. And to all y'all play haterz - "It's all copacetic!"
I, Marcus "Prime" Tillis, leave because the player's club to the upcoming senior class. I leave my football number in the Alabama Hall of Fame. I leave

VICA Conference



Pictured above are: William Morrow (left) and Larry Goodson.

by Doug Grimes
On April 26 and 27, Jessica Dunn, Heidi Bowers, William Morrow, Stephen Adcock, Mr. Goodson, and Mr. Lawford, the 1996-1997 VICA officers and advisors, traveled to the State VICA conference in Montgomery. Stephen Adcock and William Morrow competed in the State Automotive Service Technology Contest. The contest which was held at John Patterson Technical College, included all eight areas of ASE Certification. Only the top best Auto Mechanic students in Alabama could compete in the contest. The rigorous competition lasted five hours. The winner of the contest was William Morrow, proving that he is the top Auto Mechanics student in the state. William was awarded prizes worth over two hundred dollars and numerous scholarships. On June 23, William will represent not only Elba, but Alabama in the National Contest in Kansas City, Missouri. Elba High School is proud of William and wishes him good luck.

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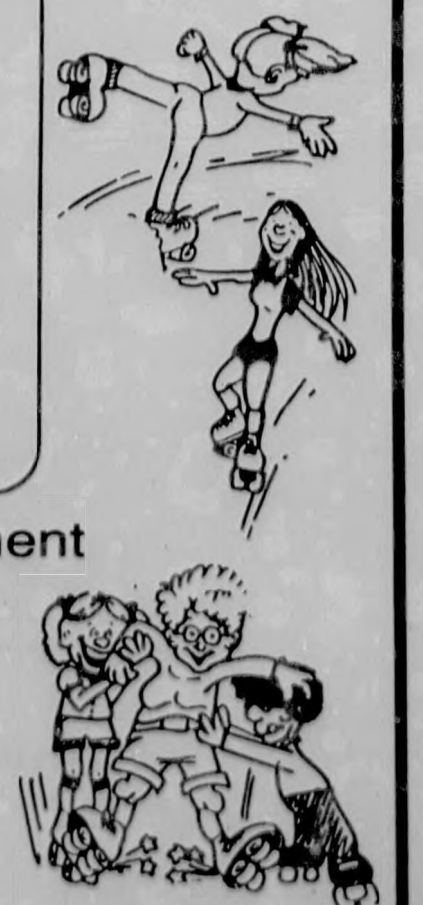
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"Taste of Jazz" to be held June 7th

The fifth annual "Taste of Jazz" will get underway in downtown Montgomery on Saturday, June 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the Young House Restaurant, 231 N. Hill St. The festival will bring a taste of New Orleans - "Cajun flair" - to the Capital City, and will be held to benefit the American Lung Association of Alabama.

For a \$30 each donation, guests may enjoy the music of Sunpie Barnes and the Louisiana Sunspots. Tickets are on sale now through the American Lung Association, Capital Region office. Call 334/277-7195 for tickets or general information.

American Legion to hold Flag Disposal ceremony

The 35th District of the American Legion will be conducting a Flag Disposal ceremony on June 3 at the American Legion Post in Samsom. This ceremony is available to all posts within the district and each post will be collecting unserviceable, worn and tattered US flags for proper disposal.

Anyone with an unserviceable US flag that needs to be disposed of may contact any area American Legion member, or call the local Veterans Service Officer.

In Coffee County, call Robert Lolley at 894-5858 or drop the flag by the office located in the Office Complex in New Brockton by Monday, June 2.

Worship at the church of your choice this Sunday!!!

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of May 13, 1997 through May 19, 1997. They were: Joyce Williams, Agnes Dixon, Rhonda Johnson, Bertie Cook, Douglas Armstrong, Elizabeth Jane Bass, Viola Flowers, Linda Gideon, Tammy Cooper, Lewis, Travis Ward, Janie Davis, Henry Eiland, Allen Johnson, Carol Weeks, Randy Hartley, Virginia McGowan, Elaine Brown, Eljaun King, William O. Henderson, Fannie Berry, Dorothy Williams, Albert Martin, Evelyn Dianne Duncan, Winnie Qualls, and Katherine White.

Patients discharged during the same period of time were: Ida Mauldin, James Morris, Lynnet Reed, Agnes Dixon, Lela Tyson, Allen Johnson, Henry Eiland, Basil Whitman, Tammy Cooper Lewis, Doris Hughes, Bertie Cook, Violet Flowers, Linda Gideon, Douglas Armstrong, Carol Weeks, Elizabeth Jane Bass, Randy Hartley, Virginia McGowan, Fannie Berry, and Travis Ward.

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Elba Elementary Holds D.A.R.E. Graduation



OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT...Pictured above with D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Officer Dean Blair is Devri Kilcrease. She is this year's recipient of the D.A.R.E. Outstanding Achievement Award.



ESSAY WINNERS...Pictured above with D.A.R.E. Officer Blair are (l-r): Brandon Behrens, Samantha Williams, Officer Blair, Kristy Ward, and Courtney Turner. These D.A.R.E. students were the essay winners.



ELBA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S 1996-97 D.A.R.E. GRADUATING CLASS

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THE EDMOND W. RUCKER CHAPTER of United Daughters of the Confederacy presented a picture of the last Confederate widow, Mrs. Albert Martin of Elba, to the Elba Public Library at a meeting on May 8. Mrs. Martin is shown standing in front of the windows in the Elba United Methodist Church. At the time the Elba United Methodist Church was being built, donations were being raised to erect a Confederate monument in Elba. Not enough money was raised, so it was decided to purchase windows for the Elba United Methodist Church and dedicate them to "the Confederate dead." Pictured (l-r): Mrs. Pat Howard, Mrs. Doris Taylor, Librarian; Mrs. Helen Lewis, Mrs. Nancy Brunson, Mrs. Lavinia Helms, president; Mrs. Shirley Edberg and Mrs. Willette O'Gwynn.

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For more information or for application forms, check with the Coffee County Extension Office.

Hank Williams Day set in Georgiana

City officials in Hank Williams Sr.'s hometown of Georgiana, Ala., have announced that June 6 and 7 are the dates for this year's Hank Williams Sr. Day, the 18th annual "Salute to a Legend."

Each year, the rural south-central Alabama community, located just three miles east of Exit 114 on I-65, sets aside the first weekend in June to honor a native son, and one of country music's greatest legends - Hank Williams Sr.

Festivities are set to begin in Hank Williams Park with a barbecue on Friday evening, June 6, at 5 p.m. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Saturday's activities begin at 10 a.m.

For more information contact Barbara Clem, City Clerk, P.O. Box 310, Georgiana, AL 36033, phone 334/376-2396.

Thank you so much for your support of the Elba Chamber of Commerce. If you have not paid your 1997 dues, please join us today. We need your support to reach our goal of 150 in 1997. Our mission is to promote business, community growth and development. The chamber will also strive to improve the community and be responsive to needs and concerns of the people of Elba.

Community & Church News

Twentieth Century Study Club elects new officers

The Twentieth Century Study Club met May 8 at the Elba Public Library with Betty Vaughn and Ella Jean Vaughn as hostesses. They served a delicious dessert to 14 members.

President Grace Taylor called the meeting to order and led the members in reading of the 31st Collect. A business meeting followed.

Parliamentarian Carolyn Brunson conducted the installation service for the new officers for the coming year. They are:

President - Betty Brunson
Vice President - Peggy Stroud
Secretary - Joan Jacobs
Treasurer - Judy Eastburn
Historian - Anne Miles
Parliamentarian - Grace Taylor
Those attending were Betty Brunson, Carolyn Brunson, Doris Cooper, Ann Davis, Treva Driscoll, July

National Security issues quarterly Report

The National Security Group, Inc., issued results for the three months ended March 31, 1997, based on generally accepted accounting principles.

Premium Income	1997	1996
1997	\$7,982,000	\$6,125,000
Investment Income	1997	1996
1997	\$1,102,000	\$900,000
Total Revenues	1997	1996
1997	\$9,309,000	\$8,302,000
Net Income	1997	1996
1997	\$622,000	\$338,000
Net Income Per Share	1997	1996
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Economic Development Training Course to be held

The 12th Intensive Economic Development Training Course will be held in Auburn beginning in July.

The course, which is sponsored by Alabama Electric Cooperative, Alabama Gas Company, Alabama Power Company, Bell South and the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, introduces the participants to all phases of industrial development, says County Agent Coordinator Sandra T. Coffey.

There will be a Gospel Sing this Saturday, May 24, at the True Gospel Chapel, beginning at 7 p.m.

The featured group will be "The Waymakers" from Brantley. Everyone is invited. A love offering will be taken, and a time of fellowship will follow the singing.

The chapel is located at 836 Troy Highway, Elba.

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ANN ELIZABETH MASHBURN (3rd from left, kneeling), granddaughter of Jim and Ann Nichols, will be competing with her team at the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals June 4 - 7 at the University of Maryland in College Park, Md. The team won first place at the state competition in Milledgeville, Ga. They will compete against 49 other states, the District of Columbia, and over 30 countries.

Odyssey of the Mind is an international program for students from kindergarten through college, with the challenge of solving problems through creativity, logic and teamwork. Only 11 teams from throughout Georgia will participate at World Finals.

The team had to create and present a humorous skit as part of the competition. The team is composed of 4th and 5th graders from six area elementary schools.

Ann Elizabeth is a fifth-grader at Reese Road School in Columbus, Ga., and also attends St. Elmo School for the Gifted.

SouthTrust offers PC banking service

SouthTrust Bank has introduced SouthTrust Online, a PC banking service which will support Microsoft Money 97 and Intuit's QuickBooks and QuickBooks Pro according to an announcement by Ted Roberts, president of SouthTrust Bank in Elba.

"Over the last several months, SouthTrust customers have contacted us in the branches, by phone and by e-mail requesting PC banking," Roberts said. "Consumers want to be able to conduct banking business whenever and wherever it is most convenient, and we are responding to this demand."

SouthTrust Online offers customers with a PC and a modem access to their SouthTrust accounts via their personal computers. All information is transmitted with state-of-the-art encryption technologies that secure data sent and received through the customer's modem.

In addition, SouthTrust Online accounts are protected with a confidential personal identification number (PIN) so customers can be confident that their transactions are secure.

The most significant advantage of banking by PC is that customers will be able to pay bills with the click of a mouse. In addition, SouthTrust Online will allow customers to view account balances, transfer funds, download transactions and send electronic mail messages to the bank.

"SouthTrust Online will support Intuit's QuickBooks for Windows, Microsoft Money 97 and Quicken 7 for Macintosh," said Andy Hernandez, vice president of alternative delivery systems for SouthTrust and SouthTrust Online coordinator.

"We are delighted to offer QuickBooks 5.0 and QuickBooks Pro 5.0 for Windows to our small business customers because it's the leading small business accounting software."

SouthTrust will provide a free trial version of QuickBooks or a free copy of Microsoft Money 97 Home Banking Edition or Quicken Starter Edition for customers who sign up for SouthTrust Online and don't already own the software.

"Our customers are re-defining convenience," added Hernandez. "In the past, 'self-service' customers were those who liked or wanted to use ATMs and touch-tone telephones to conduct banking business. Today's 'self-service' customer is also interested in using a personal computer to perform banking transactions."

"SouthTrust is committed to offering the highest level of customer service, which includes alternative delivery methods such as PC banking," added Roberts. "We will continue to investigate and invest in future technologies based upon consumer demand."

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Harris Temple COGIC to distribute groceries
The Grocery Ministry of Harris Temple C.O.G.I.C. will distribute free bags of groceries to the needy on Friday, May 23, 3 - 5 p.m. at the Elba Youth Training Center, located at the old Mulberry Heights School in the Mulberry Community.

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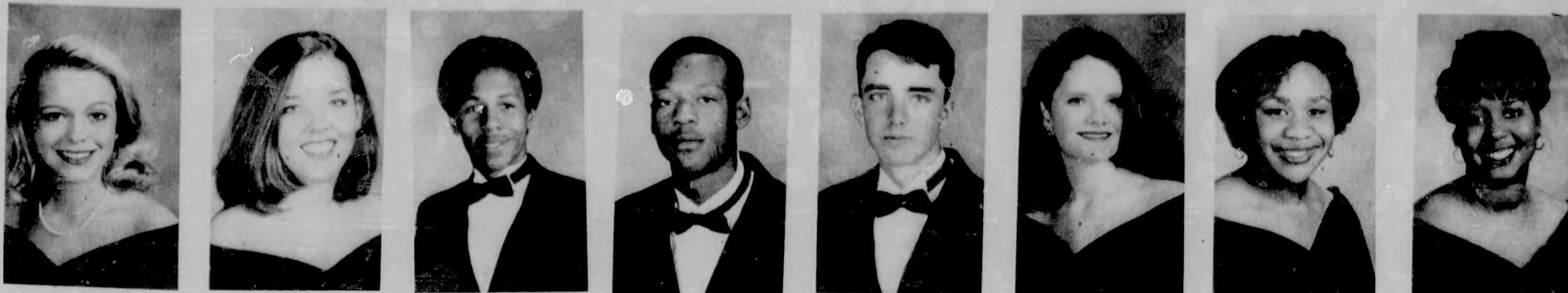
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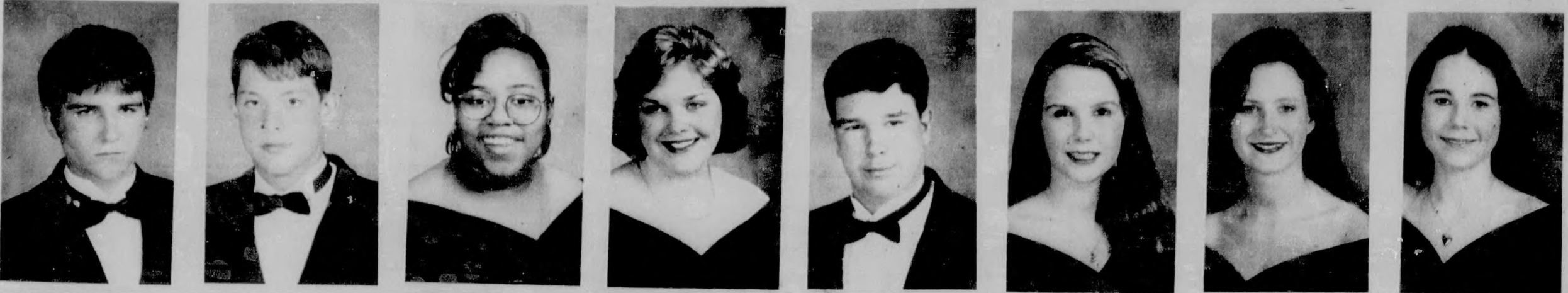
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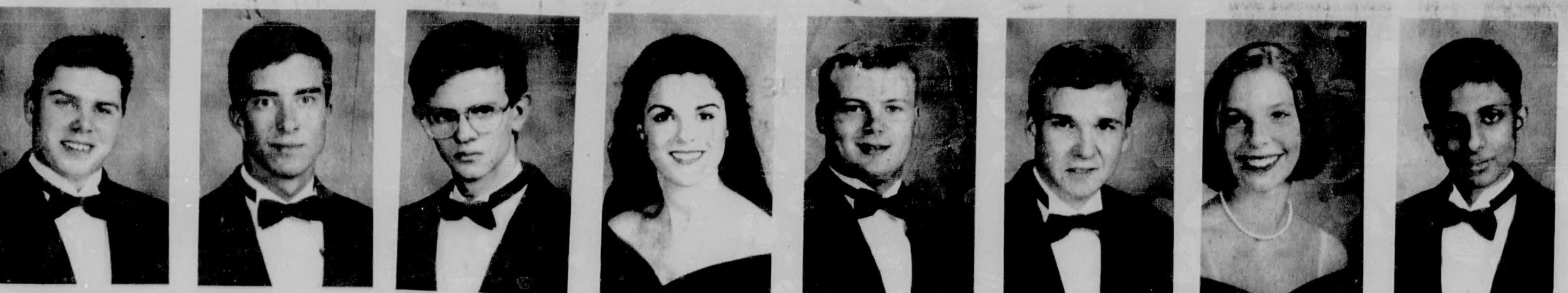
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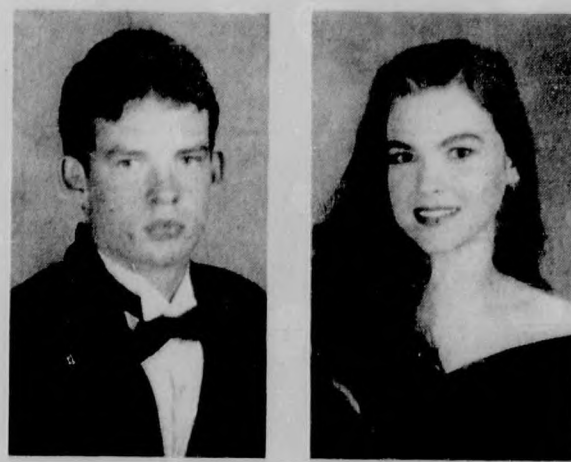
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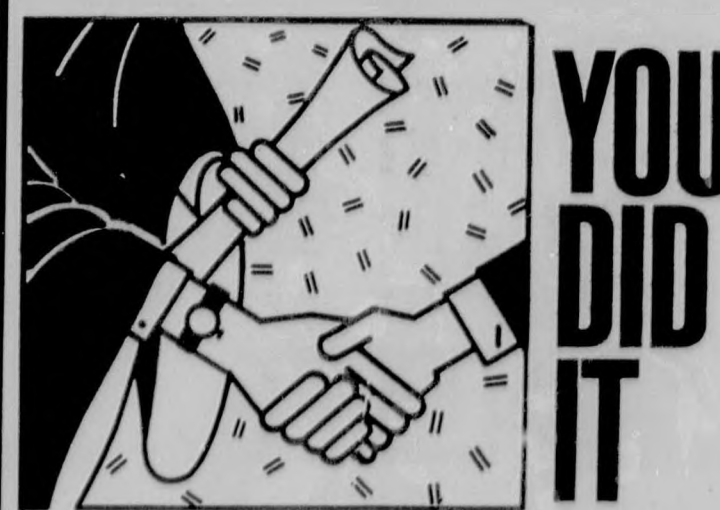
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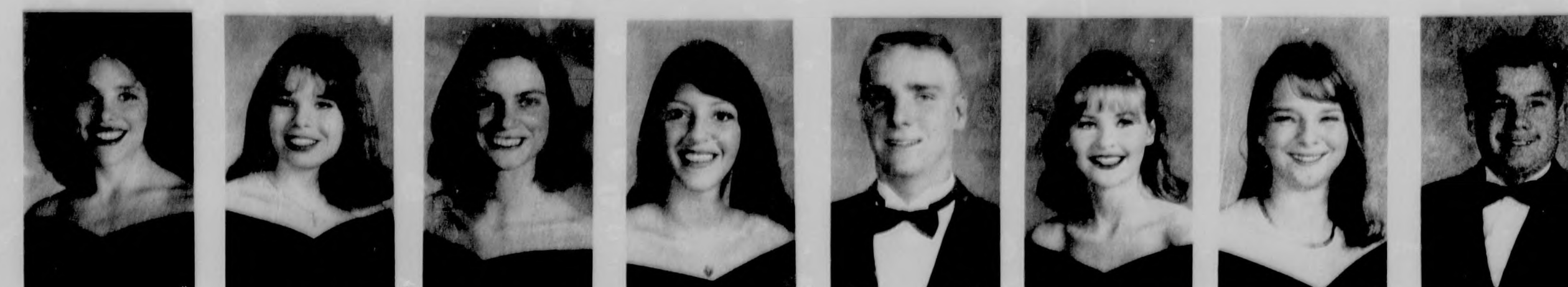
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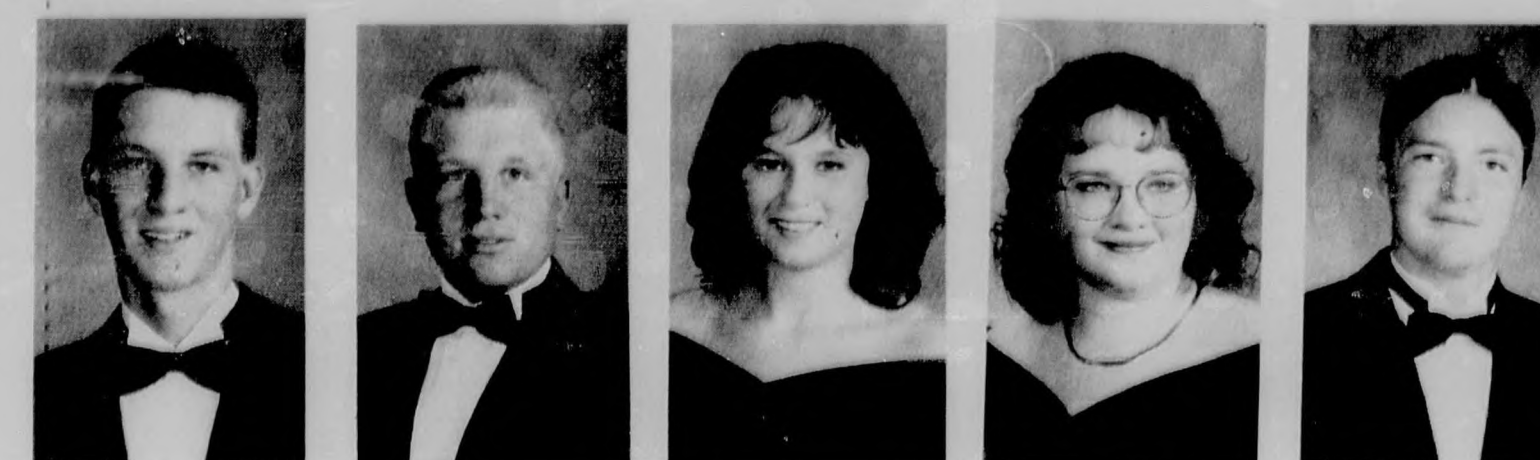
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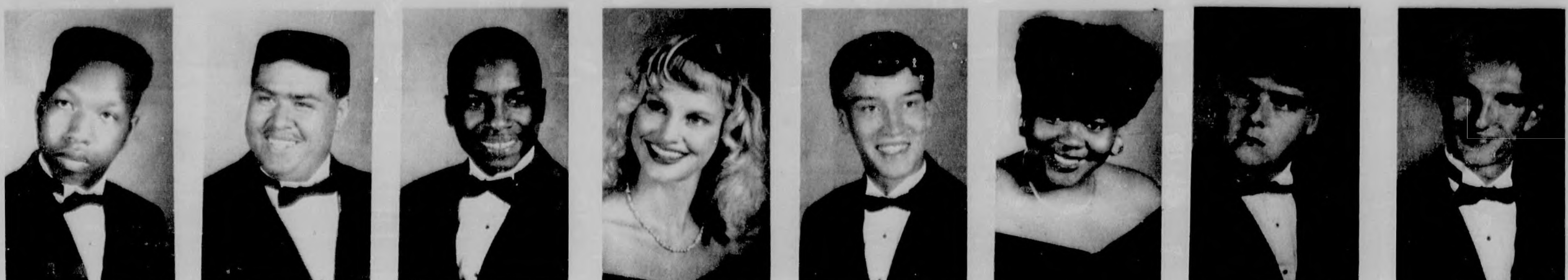
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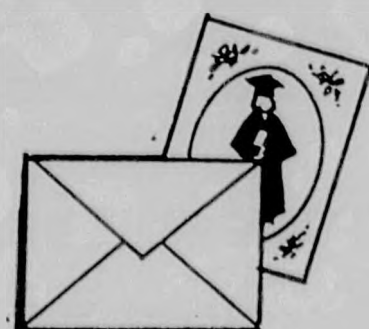
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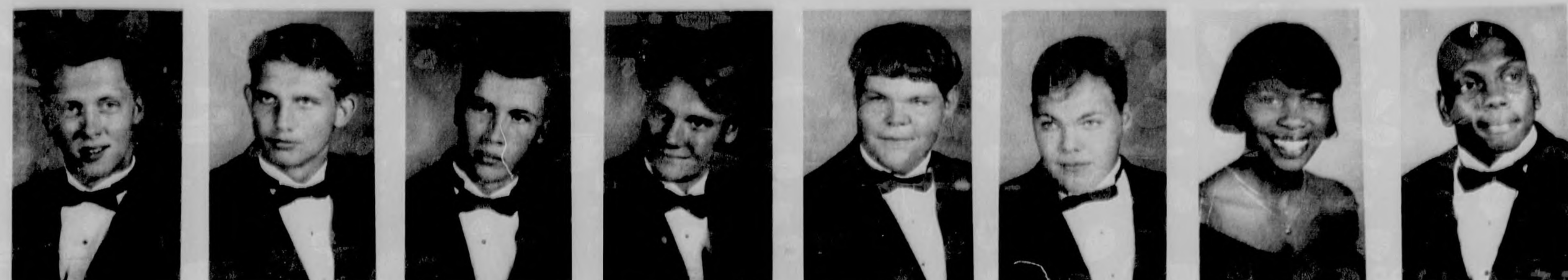


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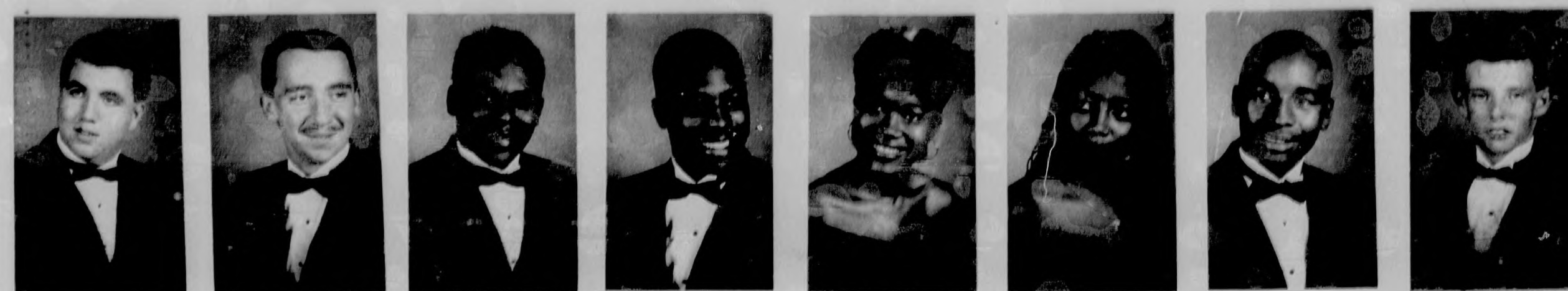


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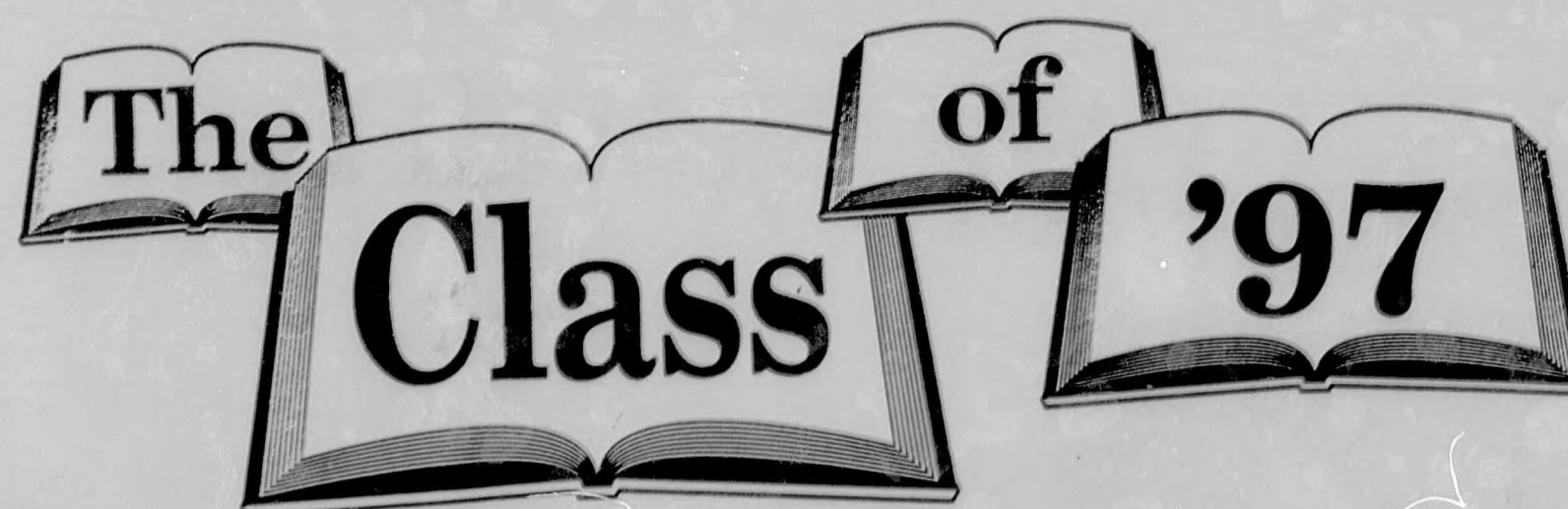
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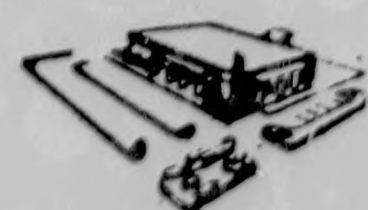
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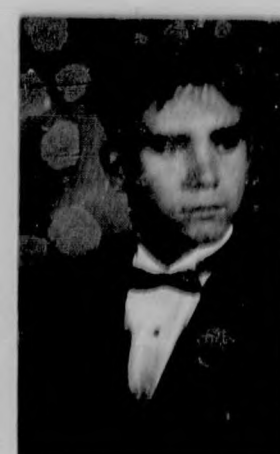
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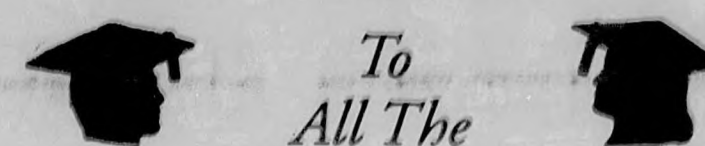
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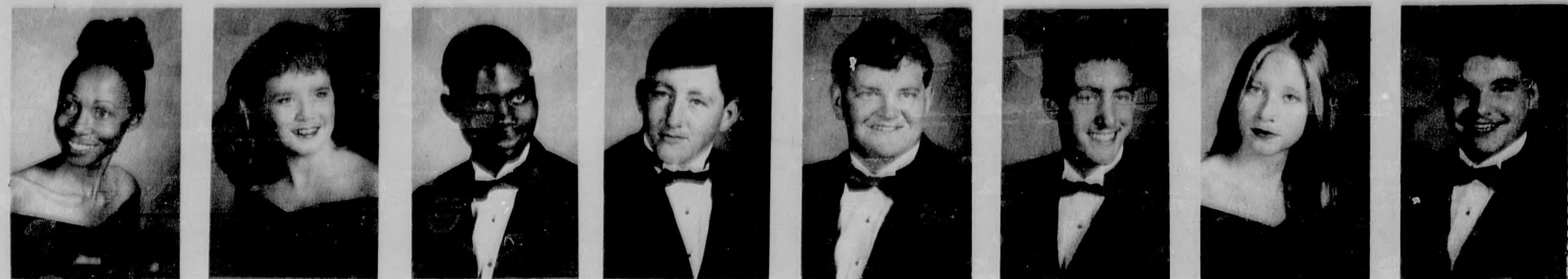
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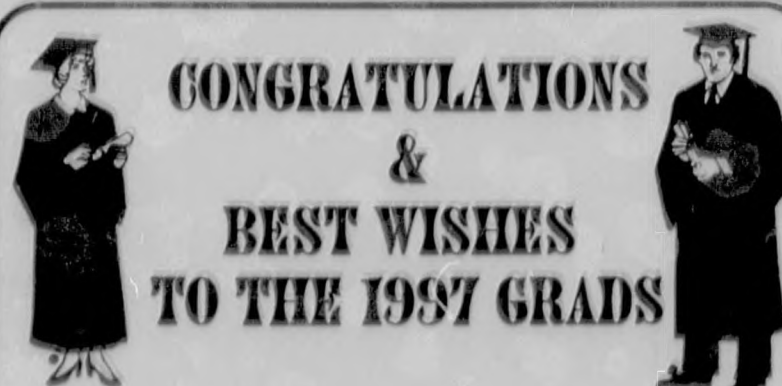


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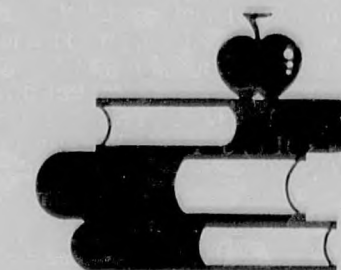


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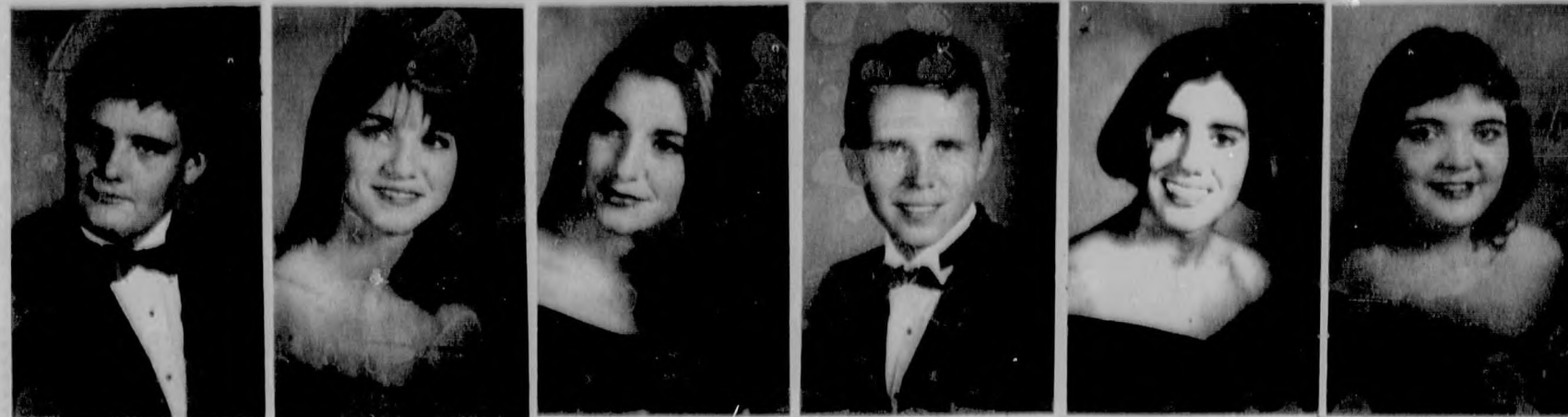


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City of Elba settles Peacock lawsuit for \$65,000.00

By Fern Cox, Publisher

The federal court wrongful firing lawsuit filed last year by former police chief Bruce Peacock has been officially settled.

Stories at the first of the month reporting a settlement were premature. While parties in the case had apparently agreed to a confidential settlement, it was only recently that the agreement was approved by the federal courts, thus settling the lawsuit.

Lawyers for neither side have returned phone calls asking for comments on the matter. Attorney James Ward, of Birmingham, who represented the City of Elba's insurance carrier in this case was unavailable for comment. Also unavailable and not returning phone calls was Attorney William Gill, of Montgomery, who filed the lawsuit on behalf of Mr. Peacock.

Elba Mayor James Grimes referred reporters to the lawyers in the case and Elba City Attorney Jeff Kelley said he was not the attorney

defending the city in this case and statements needed to come from someone else. However city officials have received written confirmation that the case is officially settled.

Reportedly the case settlement was "confidential" even though the courts have ruled that when taxpayer money is involved, it can't be kept confidential from the public.

Elba's insurance policy called for the city to pay \$5,000 whenever a lawsuit of this type is filed, regardless of the ultimate outcome.

Therefore the reported \$65,000 settlement paid to Peacock and his attorney, would be divided with \$5,000 coming from the city and the other \$60,000 being paid by the insurance company. The insurance company will also be responsible for paying any legal expenses incurred defending this lawsuit.

This settlement was reached after lawyers for the insurance company and Mr. Peacock had spent several days taking depositions from Mr. Peacock, city officials and other witnesses in the case.

Peacock was fired in April, 1996 by the city council during the previous city administration. He has since worked as a Newton policeman and is presently serving as chief of the Napier Field police department.

The termination followed several weeks of activity where the council would meet in executive session on this matter and reportedly asked then Mayor Ricky Haywood to secure

Peacock's resignation.

All five city council members voted for the firing while Haywood openly opposed the action. The termination was not a surprise, as Peacock had his attorney present at the meeting and out-of-town TV crews were also filming the action.

The lawsuit was filed against the city and the five city council members, but Haywood was not named as a defendant in this case.

The basis for the suit, \$1 million in compensatory damages and \$1.5 million in punitive damages, was that the man had been terminated without the proper hearings required by Alabama law and Elba city ordinance.

At the termination meeting, Gill was told, after the vote to terminate, they could have a hearing, but the attorney declined until a written list of the charges was provided. Hooks He came to Elba from the Hartford Police Department.

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four years. His was the second to end in a cash settlement to the terminated employee. The administration ended with an acting chief, as the council, nor the mayor made any strong attempt to name a replacement during the final months of the administration.

The saga began in the first year of the administration, when former chief, Freddie Hanchey filed his suit for wrongful termination and won a settlement and return to a high ranking position in the police department. His case was opposite of the Peacock case, as Haywood fired Hanchey while the council members wanted to retain him. Jack Parker and Maxwell Hooks each served as chief, but resigned. Peacock, a former military police officer in the U. S. Army, was named to the position after the resignation of Hooks.

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TRAILWAYS BUS AND CAR TANGLE... Shortly before 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 20, a Trailways bus collided with a 1995 Ford Taurus at the intersection of Simmons Street and Claxton Avenue. The car, driven by Donna A. Parker, 44, of Elba, was traveling west on Simmons when it was struck by the bus, struck a steel pole which supports the traffic light at the intersection. Mrs. Parker was taken to Elba General Hospital by a unit of the Elba Rescue Squad where she was treated and released. The driver of the bus, Authur J. Reed, 44, of Tallahassee, FL, and none of the bus' 13 passengers were injured. The deployment of the air bag on Parker's car prevented her from being seriously injured. The accident was investigated by Sgt. Randy White of the Elba Police Department.

County Commission deals in communications

by Marvin McLwain - Editor

Monday's meeting of the Coffee County Commission centered

around two major things - the installation of a phone system for the temporary courthouse, and County Engineer Randy Tindell's wish-list.

There were several minutes of discussion followed by motions being offered - some failing to pass and some receiving no second - followed by a 15-minute recess before a telephone question was settled.

It began when County Administrator Wilson Mobley presented a proposal from GTE on relocating telephone equipment to the old Enterprise Post Office, which will be used as temporary offices during the construction of the new courthouse.

He presented figures from GTE on the cost of relocating existing equipment from the present courthouse to the post office. This cost was \$10,877.98.

An option to the above was for GTE to install a rental system in the temporary facility at a cost of \$2,674.49 per month for 18 months (\$48,464.82). This option was highly recommended by GTE.

Mobley noted that GTE officials stated that this system could be used in the new courthouse after it was completed. The cost and legality of this without bidding the equipment was questioned.

After several minutes of discussion, a motion to follow GTE's recommendation failed in a 4-2 vote (Commissioners Linda Westbrook, Kayo Lewis, Doug Dalrymple, and Len Averett voted against the motion; Commissioners Tom Grimsley and Ernest Brooks voted for Commissioner Robert Stephens was not present).

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E-911 Board signs mapping contract

by Marvin McLwain - Editor

Last Thursday evening (7:00 p.m.), the Coffee County Emergency Communications Board (CCECB) signed with a firm to map and address the county for E-911.

The contract was awarded to LAS Systems, Inc., of Roanoke, VA, at a cost of \$87,900.00.

The firm will begin in June mapping the more than 1,000 miles of roads in the county identifying all structures, rivers, streams, bridges and even fire plugs. Also, all the streets in Elba, Kinston and New Brockton will be included in the mapping and identification process.

The time frame for the firm's completing its task is 12 months with a Master Street/County Road Address Guide being completed in 13 months. Incentives are included in the contract for early completion of the contract.

Gloria Webb, Public Information Officer for the CCECB, said, "You need to know that this is a major step in getting ready for E-911, and is monumental in scope. When this project is completed, each emergency responder in the county will have a book of maps which will enable him/her to go directly to any structure in the county, even if he or she moved here and started work only yesterday."

"Today, we are taking a giant step forward towards enhancing the safety and welfare of our citizens and their property."

Since this mapping and addressing for E-911 will eventually affect both ways by Cross Trails; the only expense to the patron is the cost of contacting Cross Trails to be put on the mailing list. To receive the service, a change because it will be done in an orderly and timely fashion.

There will be no sudden change of address for anyone.

Charles Webb, Director of Coffee County's Emergency Management Agency and also serves as the CCECB's chairman, stated that employees with LAS System, Inc., will have the proper identification when contacting area residents for information.

He urges every county resident to cooperate with these people which will in turn make the mapping process proceed smoothly thus allowing

residents to have the benefit of E-911 as soon as possible.

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Meet Your Elba Police Officers

Meet Police Officer Johnny P. Senn. Johnny is a native of Brantley, AL and has been a member of the Elba Police Department for more than nine years.

Senn has twelve years of experience in law enforcement. He is a certified firearms instructor and has special training in the use of tactical firearms. He has also received S.W.A.T. training, extensive investigation training and is also a certified D.A.R.E. instructor.

At the present time, Officer Senn serves as a sergeant in the patrol division. His previous assignment was in investigations and he served on the 12th Judicial Circuit Drug Task Force.

"Helping people in a time of need, or just letting people know that we care about their safety is what I like most about being a police officer," said Senn.

"The disrespect you get sometimes from a few people is one of the negatives of being in law enforcement," said Johnny.

His most memorable experience as a police officer was working in Elba during the flood of 1990.

Officer Senn stated that he would like to find some type of organization that would keep the interest of the area's teenagers.

Johnny's wishes for the department are: 1) Off duty socializing with all officers once a month; 2) Some type of recreation



tion for members of the department as a group; and 3) Keep working on family-oriented morale with each other.

Officer Senn's hobbies include hunting & fishing, shooting guns and he likes to spend as much time as possible with his two-year-old, Philip Ashton Senn.

"I feel that the Elba Police Department has seen major improvement in appearance as a whole - persons and facility," said Senn.

"I take great pride in being an officer for the City of Elba and over the years, it has become my home and the people have made that possible," he added.

Books-By-Mail Catalogs Ready

Cross Trails Regional Library Service's new Books-By-Mail catalog has just come back from the printer and is ready for delivery to any rural resident of Coffee County.

Included in the new catalog are large print books, romances, historical romances, westerns, general fiction and inspirational books.

Any citizen of Coffee County who does not live within the city limits of Elba or Enterprise can receive books-by-mail. Postage is paid both ways by Cross Trails; the only expense to the patron is the cost of contacting Cross Trails to be put on the mailing list. To receive the service, a change because it will be done in an orderly and timely fashion.

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** HAPPENINGS **

AREA GRADUATIONS ANNOUNCED... New Brockton High School will hold graduation exercises on Thursday, May 29, 1997, at 8:00 p.m. on the football field; Kinston High School's Senior Class of '97 will graduate on Thursday, May 29, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium; and Zion Chapel High School will hold graduation on Friday, May 30, 1997, at 8:00 p.m. on the football field.

CPR CLASS The Coffee County American Red Cross will sponsor an Adult CPR Class and a First Aid Class on Thursday, May 29, 1997 at the Elba Rescue Squad Building. Adult CPR will start at 9 a.m. and First Aid at 1 p.m. Cost of the classes will be \$15 plus books. To register call the Red Cross office at 347-2461.

FLAG DISPOSAL CEREMONY The 35th District of The American Legion will conduct a Flag Disposal Ceremony on Tuesday, June 3, 1997, at Samson's American Legion Post. Anyone who has an unserviceable, worn or tattered U. S. Flag they wish to have disposed of properly should contact Robert Lolley at 894-5858 or drop the flag(s) by the Veterans Service Office located in the Farm Center Complex in New Brockton, AL.

SUMMER SCHOOL Elba Elementary School will begin summer school on Monday, June 2, for all ages, kindergarten through the sixth grade, with classes meeting Monday through Thursday from June 2 to June 26. The summer bus stops will be the same as they are during the regular school year.